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1. At the Kodak plant in Berlin-Koepenick, one of the two machines which spray a safety emulsion on film base exploded on 12 February 1954. The second machine also was damaged in this explosion. Neither of them will be serviceable until the end of 1954.
2. Because of the explosion no safety film will be produced at this plant. Agfa/Wolfen also makes safety film but cannot cover the anticipated loss of production of this film. The main effect of this loss will be felt in export sales.
3. The causes of the explosion are being investigated by the East German State Security Service (SSD). The area in the factory where these machines are located was opened up again approximately 17 February 1954. The East German press contained only a short note about the explosion without speculating on the causes.

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